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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASIG, CO
SUBJ: INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATION 6.2A-2.

REF: STATE 203346

THE DEPARTMENT (M/MO) SHOULD ABOLISH AMERICAN POSITION
50-135-9280, SECRETARY, ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1978, UNLESS EMBASSY
BOGOTA IN THE MEANTIME CAN JUSTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT (M/MO
AND S/NM) THE RETENTION OF THIS POSITION AS PART OF THE ADDITIONAL
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIRED FOR THE EXPANDED NARCOTICS
CONTROL PROGRAM WHICH THE EMBASSY IS ACQUIRING.

RESPONSE:

BOGOTA - THE EMBASSY DISAGREES WITH THE INSPECTORS' VIEWS
ON THE NEED FOR AN AMERICAN SECRETARY IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE
SECTION. THE INSPECTOR WHO INTERVIEWED THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNSELOR MISUNDERSTOOD COMMENTS MADE BY THE LATTER WITH
REGARD TO THE AMOUNT OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL HANDLED BY THE
SECRETARY. THE POINT THE COUNSELOR WAS TRYING TO MAKE WAS
THAT CLASSIFIED MATERIAL REPRESENTS A SMALL PORTION OF THE OVERALL
WORKLOAD HANDLED BY THE SECRETARY, AND NOT THAT THE AMOUNT
WAS "MINIMAL" IN ABSOLUTE TERMS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, A
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TWO-MONTH STUDY SHOWS THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY TYPED
AS MANY PAGES OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL (CONFIDENTIAL AND ABOVE
AND LOU OF A NATURE WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY
A CLEARED FSL) AS THE POLITICAL SECTION, AND EIGHT TIMES AS
MANY AS THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION. MOREOVER, CONTRARY
TO THE STATEMENT IN THE INSPECTORS' REPORT, THE ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY HANDLES ALL THE CLASSIFIED WORK FOR THE SECURITY

OFFICERS AND MOST OF THE CLASSIFIED WORK FOR THE COUNSULAR SECTION. RECENTLY, ONE OF THE TWO AMERICAN SECRETARIAL POSITIONS IN THE ECONOMIC SECTION WAS ABOLISHED. THIS PUTS AN ADDED BURDEN ON THE OTHER AMERICAN SECRETARIES WHO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR KEEPING THE EXECUTIVE SUITE AT FULL COMPLEMENT. THE LOSS OF ANOTHER AMERICAN SECRETARY WOULD PLACE AN UNACCEPTABLE BURDEN ON THE REMAINING ONES AND MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO SCHEDULE LEAVE OR OTHER WORK ABSENCES.

THE INSPECTORS REPORT THAT THE FUNCTIONS OF STAFF ASSISTANT NOW PERFORMED BY THE AMERICAN SECRETARY COULD BE PERFORMED BY AN FSL. THIS ROLE IS A DIFFICULT ONE EVEN FOR A SENIOR AMERICAN SECRETARY. IT COULD NOT BE PERFORMED BY ANY FSL CURRENTLY ON EMBASSY ROLES, NOR COULD IT BE DONE WELL BY ANYONE WE COULD HIRE UNDER EXISTING JOB CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE RESTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
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